

# Milestones Child Development Center

March 2010

## Director's Corner



You may have noticed that there has recently been some write-ups about the staff and their background with Milestones and education. My thought process with this was to give parents some inside information regarding the staff to help produce a sense of autonomy. Recognizing our teachers as professionals comes with a knowledge of their commitment to Milestones and to their career choice.

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Teresa and Tracy

### Make cooking fun with your children

#### Fun St. Patrick's Day Snacks

You Need: 1) 2 biscuits per child 2) green sugar (use green food coloring and add to regular sugar stir)

Take the biscuits (you can use canned ones) and tear them in half. Place three of the pieces together to form a shamrock and use the other one to roll into a stem. Sprinkle the sugar on top and bake. You have green shamrock biscuits.

How to make a Shamrock Shake: In a blender put two cups of milk, two cups lime sherbet, and two ripe bananas. Then blend together and it's ready to serve!

### Employee of the Month

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

4<sup>th</sup> Gymboree celebration for Milestones families from 6:30-7:30

14<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Begins

17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day

Milestones Employee of the Month is....

#### Jordon (Jo-Jo) Hermann

Jordon has a great ability to move around to every classroom and work successfully with all the different age groups. She is kind and sweet to the staff and the children. Jordon has grown so much since she has been with Milestones! We are very proud of her!

#### Quote:

For each petal on the shamrock  
This brings a wish your way -  
Good health, good luck, and happiness  
For today and every day.



## Early Preschool News

Spring is finally in sight! We are looking forward to sunshine and warmer weather. We will continue to play outside (weather permitting), so please keep an extra set of clothes in your child's cubby. With the snow melting, the playground will surely be wet.

We are sad to say goodbye to McKenna and Drake as they move to the Preschool A classroom. We would all like to welcome Hunter and Dylan to our room!!!

This month we are learning about families, spring, and St. Patrick's Day! We look forward to an excellent month!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenna, Ms. Heather, and Ms. Christina

## Preschool "A" News

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself to you! My name is Christina Perry. I have worked for Milestones for 5 years! I was born and raised in the Grand Rapids area. I graduated from Caledonia High School and have been working here ever since. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters; one of which you might know, Ms. Lindsey. I love working with children! It is truly a passion of mine. I fell so blessed to have a job that I love so much.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Christina, Ms. Bev, and Ms. Rachel

## Preschool "B" News

We're leaping into March and hopefully Spring is soon to follow!! Please make sure that your child still has boots, snow pants, hats, coats, and mittens, as we still go outside each day. We have two March Birthday's this month. Simon and Audrey both turn 3 on March 20th. We'd also like to welcome Cameron to Preschool B!!! He will be moving up from Preschool A and we are very excited to have him in our class. This also means that Micah will be moving up to the Pre-k classroom. We will miss him but we know he is going to do great in his new room. This month we will continue our focus on our zoo phonics and will be covering letters H-K.

Each week is focused on one letter which includes a variety of art, math, and sensory activities that go along with this theme. We will also be incorporating some St. Patrick's Day fun into this months' themes as well. I look forward to another great month with all of you!!!

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Sincerely,

- Ms. Brianne



## March Birthdays

*Lilia (SA) 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Tucker (EP) 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Mia (Pre) 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Kali (SA) 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Graham (EP) 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Karina (SA) 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Sabina (PreK) 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Audrey (PreB) 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Simon (PreB) 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Jak (Inf) 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Aidan (PreK) 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Owen (Pre) 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Bella (Inf) 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Mason (SA) 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Kate (SA) 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Hayden (PreK) 30<sup>th</sup>*

## Infant News

In the past few weeks we have said good-bye to Ms. Peggy (although we still see her as a substitute) and welcomed Ms. Katie to our classroom. Katie is working from 12-6:30 each day so be sure to introduce yourself!

Happy Birthday to Jak on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Bella on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

My name is Terri Emelander, and I would like to take a minute to tell you a little bit about myself! I have worked at Milestones for a year. I recently graduated from Grand Rapids Community College with my associate's degree in Child Development. In my spare time I enjoy camping, boating, and doing Creative Memories.

Warmly,

Ms. Megan, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Terri, and Ms. Peggy

## Pre-Kindergarten News

Last month was so much fun! The children loved learning about the Chinese New Year. We made a fantastic Dragon and the children even cooked their own lunch of egg fried rice.

This month we leap into March celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We will also be covering health and nutrition, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and the weather. We will incorporate some fun science experiments too.

We hope March continues to be a sunny month!

Miss Chloe, Miss Laura and Miss Bev



## Kindergarten News

Marvelous March is

...a time of seasonal change. As the last snow melts and March comes in like a lion, it will leave us like a lamb and the first signs of spring will appear. As the wind is whistling, we will build kites and other weather tools to observe and measure the world around us. March is a time for us to study the weather.

...a time where nature and wildlife awake from their long winter slumber and return to their homes. We will explore the habitats of animals living around us, and learn about our own habitats, houses, and surroundings. March is a time to learn about where we live.

...a time of shamrocks and leprechauns. As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we will wear green, eat green, and create with green. March is a time to wear green for good luck.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carly, and Ms. Kelsey



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## AM Preschool

Welcome to a beautiful March. The children had a great time with our Ocean theme last month and I sure hope you enjoyed all of their projects that came home. The children are already full of their Spring energy and are always ready to begin each day. The children will be planting flowers to welcome Spring and we will be tracking their progress as they grow in the classroom. They will also get to practice their prediction and observation skills as we wait to see whose plant will sprout first. Since the snow is melting we have taken frosty down from the wall outside our classroom - stay tuned for what we will work on next. Our themes this month are: Dr. Seuss, Cultures around the World, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and Dinosaurs. Our zoo phonics letters are Ee, Tt, Yy, Xx and Ll.

Have a wonderful month and remember to wear Green on the 17th or the children will pinch you!!!

Ms. Therese and Ms. Shahida

## Young Toddler

We're almost through the long winter months. The kids have done great trekking through the snow in their snow gear! With the warmer temps, we look forward to taking walks in the afternoons! This month we will be talking about sports, St. Patrick's Day, and springtime! We also want to welcome Kate and Evelyn to our room. We will miss Dylan and Hunter, but we know they'll love being with the older kids! Please keep sending winter gear, as well as extra clothes for the days we get a little wet or messy!

- Ms. Jill, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Jordon

## REMINDERS AND NOTES:

- SPANISH TUTORING IS AVAILABLE MONDAY EVENINGS FOR \$10 PER WEEK. SEE ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. ALSO, THOSE ENROLLED PLEASE GET ME YOUR NOVEMBER PAYMENT. THERE ARE 4 MONDAYS IN THE MONTH.
- SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR MAD SCIENCE! YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL MAD SCIENCE PROGRAM. IT IS ONE HOUR LONG AND TAKES PLACE EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL!
- A NEW SESSION OF GYMBOREE STARTS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>! GRAB A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE PARENT TABLE AND GET IT INTO ME WITH YOU PAYMENT!
- SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUMMER FUN CLUB. REMEMBER THAT IT IS THE ONLY CARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN BOUND CHILDREN AND SCHOOL AGERS. THERE ARE ONLY 43 SPACES AVAILABLE SO GET A SPACE WHILE THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE. CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT OPTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD! SUMMER FUN CLUB IS PACKED WITH FUN! SWIMMING, PARK DAYS AND SEVERAL TRIPS A WEEK MAKE IT A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR YOUR CHILD.
- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. MILESTONES HAS MANY OPTIONS THAT COMPLIMENT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SCHEDULE! WE ALSO OFFER A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM HERE THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT. WE HAVE FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND WE ALSO OFFER A STRUCTURED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!